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THE RAIL

**Hubbard visits
residence halls**

As part of "Meet the President," President Dean Hubbard will spend time in several residence halls listening to and addressing student questions, comments and concerns about their school.

Hubbard will meet students in the new Hudson and Perrin halls at 10 a.m. today in the lobby between the two halls. On Thursday, Sept. 6, he will visit the main lounges of Phillips, Millikan, Dieterich and Franken at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m., respectively.

Refreshments will be provided, as will Culture of Quality comment cards for students that wish to fill them out.

**Offutt hosts book
signing next week**

Mass Communications instructor, Jason Offutt will have a local book signing next week.

Offutt will be at the Maryville Public Library from signing his book, "Haunted Missouri" from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday Sept. 10.

Correction

In the Aug. 30 issue of the Northwest Missourian, the name of Nodaway County Treasurer Mary Noel appeared incorrect in an article.

Thursday

Relay for Life Hot Dog Eating Contest sponsored by Hy-Vee. Registration starts at 6 p.m., contest begins at 6:30 p.m.

Intramural softball entries close, meeting at 4 p.m.

Sorority Song, 5 p.m., Performing Arts Center

Late Night at the Union, poker, 10 p.m.

Study Abroad Information Session, 2 p.m., IIC Living Room in the Union

Last day for 50 percent refund for dropped trimester course or withdrawal.

Friday

Music Department Inter-Organizational Picnic, 5 p.m., Donaldson Westside Park

Bearcat Volleyball Classic, Bearcat Arena

Saturday

PRAXIS Session I, 8 a.m., Colden Hall third floor

Women's/Men's Cross Country Bearcat Collegiate Open, College Course

Football at Nebraska-Omaha, 6 p.m., Omaha, Neb.

Sunday

Soccer at Northeastern State (Okla.), 1 p.m.

Lutheran Campus Center \$1 super, 5:30 p.m.

French movie: "L'auberge Espagnole (The Spanish Apartment)," 6 p.m., Wells Hall 141

A.N.T.S. pizza party, 5 p.m., College Park Pavilion

Monday

Sorority Preference Day, 5 p.m.

Study Abroad Information Session, 3:15 p.m., IIC Living Room, Union

Intramural softball begins, 3:30 p.m., Donaldson Westside Park

Intramural Field Goal Kicking, 4 p.m., Bearcat Stadium

Robert Royhl Painting Exhibit opens, DeLuce Gallery

Dog Days on Campus (Advocated for Animal Awareness), 5-6 p.m.

Wednesday

PRSSA meeting, 5 p.m.

Visitin writers: Rebecca Aronson, John Gallagher, 7 p.m., Union Boardroom

Volleyball vs. Southwest Baptist, 7 p.m., Bearcat Arena

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CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Campus welcomes Hellogoodbye next week

By Lindsay Jacobs
University News Editor

Hellogoodbye, a powerpop-indie band will be in concert at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 14 at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

The concert is sponsored by the Student Activities Council (SAC).

Tickets for students are free at the Student Services Desk in the Administration Building.

Students must show their Bearcat Card, said Wesley Miller, the Student Activities SAC Lecture Chairman. The tickets for the public will cost \$5, Miller said.

The opening act for the concert has not yet been determined.

The band signed the contract last week to play the concert, said SAC co-concert chair, Brandon Matulka. Hellogoodbye is a four-person band, made up of Forrest Kline, Marcus Cole, Jesse Kurvink and Chris Profeta.

The band was formed in 2002, according to Billboard.com.

They are known for the songs "Here in Your Arms" and "Shimmy Shimmy Quarter Turn."

The Student Activities Council previously signed bands such as Hinder, Papa Roach and Chris Cagle to perform on campus.



photo courtesy hellogoodbye
THE INDIE POWERPOP band Hellogoodbye will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Tickets are free to Northwest students at the Student Services desk.

CAMPUS PUTS SAFETY FIRST

Many recommendations from Virginia Tech report in place at Northwest

By Lindsay Jacobs
University News Editor

Many questioned how safe college campuses were after 32 were killed, not including the shooter, in the Virginia Tech Shootings last April.

The attack was the deadliest shooting incident in U.S. history, and many wondered how gunman Seung Hui Cho could slip through the cracks, but in one *Washington Post* report some believed Cho showed warning signs as a child.

At Northwest a task force has been in place for at least three years to discuss the welfare of students who seem emotionally distressed.

The Threat Assessment Task Force, known as TAT, meets once a week for an hour to talk about how to approach the situation and discuss how to help those students, said Student Affairs Associate Vice President, Jackie Elliot. The task force gets its information from faculty, staff, Residential Life staff and students, Elliot said. "I think this is something different than maybe what a lot of universities do," Elliot said. "We bring Campus Safety to the table, we bring people from the Wellness Center, the Counseling Center, Academic Advisement, myself and Residential Life come to the table every Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock," Elliot said.

She would much rather be proactive than questioning how something was missed.

"We're very responsive, some people might say we're aggressive, but I'd much rather be aggressive and responsive than to later say 'Oh we should have done this,'" Elliot said.

If a student lives off campus, and they just attend class, go home and don't get involved in anything, it is possible for the student to be overlooked, Elliot said. If there

General signs a student is distressed

- Agitation
- High levels of nervousness and anxiety
- Increased irritability
- Undo aggressive or abrasive behavior
- Changes in personality
- Changes in hygiene
- Bizarre, alarming and psychotic behavior
- Over dependent

Courtesy Tim Crowley



MOST CAMPUS ENTRYWAYS are equipped with FOB's, which only allow access by assigned keys.



EMERGENCY TOWERS PLACED in high traffic areas of campus give students direct contact to Campus Safety.



NORTHWEST STUDENTS SARAH Sauer and Marsha Jennings review the Emergency Checklist placed by Campus Safety in all buildings.

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See MONEY on A6

DREAM INITIATIVE

St. Joseph's past — clues to Maryville's DREAM future?

By Sean Comer
Community News Editor

the DREAM initiative's assistance, and after?

We've been under the DREAM plan for about a year and we have a lot of projects underway.

We have a lot of lofty goals. We want to establish a "quiet zone," an entertainment district and a conference center. With their planning and consultation assistance, we're achieving those goals in a more timely fashion than we could have on our own.

Are there any projects that weren't able to become realities before the DREAM initiative?

We're in the process right now of our conference center study to see if the market will support a conference center, how large, where it should be located, strategic positioning—that

sort of thing.

We've got a wonderful 1920s theater here that the city has invested a lot of money rehabbing. The state was able to help us get tax credits to update the sound system in the theater, which will greatly enhance its capabilities.

We're working on major streetscape projects right now. Hopefully through the DREAM initiative, we'll be able to isolate some additional funding sources for additional projects. That was outlined in our master plan in 2001 and another thing we hope to accomplish is to get an update on that master plan, so that we can move forward with it.

As a downtown development expert, what can you see Maryville achieving through the DREAM initia-

tive?

Maryville is really fortunate in that it's kind of compact.

You've got the traditional "town square." You can build on the successful businesses that you already have in your downtown area. It's already fairly walkable. You've got some infrastructure issues with streets that you're currently working on. You're doing some things similar to what we're doing down here.

I don't know how much slack you guys get in Maryville, but we get a lot of slack here in St. Joseph about parking and not being able to park in front of businesses. Well, the whole ideology is to get a nice pedestrian environment so people get out of their cars and walk. They experience the community by walking in it and

experience the historic buildings and things of that nature by actually walking around. So that's what we're trying to accomplish here as well. Do some of those things set Maryville apart, in terms of a DREAM starting point, from St. Joseph?

Our downtown area is really expansive and we've got a lot of really large buildings we have to deal with. I think Maryville will be able to capitalize on this quicker because it's compact, you've still got your traditional square.

I think you guys will actually be able to capitalize on this a lot quicker. I was very excited when Maryville was named a DREAM city because I really think they'll be able to come in and head you guys in a direction where you'll see results pretty quick.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

NWAAA hosts 'Dog Days on Campus'

Northwest Advocates for Animal Awareness will hold "Dog Days on Campus" from 5 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 10, and from 1 to 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Bell Tower.

Faculty and staff are invited to bring their dogs for the purpose of welcoming new students.

Those who are interested in bringing their dog should e-mail Kristina Hargin at khrargin@nwmissouri.edu or Paco Martinez at pjmarin@nwmissouri.edu.

All dogs must be licensed, on a leash and have all their shots.

Sign-up for Friends of International Students

The deadline to sign up for Friends of International Students is 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7. Those interested in becoming involved this trimester should e-mail Friends of International Students at fish@nwmissouri.edu or call Ann Lech at 562-1958.

Orientation sessions for first time friends will be held at 6 p.m., Monday, Sept. 10 and Tuesday, Sept. 11 in Meeting Room D in the J.W. Jones Student Union. Only one session has to be attended.

Northwest Visiting Artists series to begin

Painter Robert Ruyhl's exhibit opens the 2007-08 Visiting Artists Series.

His paintings will be on display from Monday, Sept. 10 to Friday, Oct. 5 in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building. The exhibit opens with the artist's slide show and talk about his work during the lecture/reception at 7 p.m., Sept. 10 in the fine arts building, room 244.

The exhibit will be displayed in the first-floor gallery with viewing hours from 6 to 9 p.m. on Mondays, 1 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays through Saturdays and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Still time for BRUSH volunteer sign-up

Beautifying Residences Using Student-Help (BRUSH) will take place in two shifts from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 15.

Students will fix up and paint homes for owners who are able to. Each year more than 150 students volunteer. Volunteers come from the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing, Greek Organizations, other groups on campus and individual volunteers from campus as well as the community. BRUSH was founded in 2002 by Northwest first lady Aleta Hubbard.

Those that are interested in participating should call The Volunteer Program and Service Learning Office at 562-1954.

MISSOURI ACADEMY



KENNETH RO (SEATED IN MIDDLE) and Ingun Kim (seated far right) are two of the 12 South Korean students studying this year at the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing.

CONSTRUCTION

Residential Life phase III planning in progress

By Dominic Genetti
Senior Reporter

With the new Perrin and Hudson residence halls officially open, Northwest officials are making plans for phase III of the Residential Life master plan.

The master plan is a series of improvements to on-campus living.

Planning for phase III is scheduled to begin sometime in October; however, Northwest Auxiliary Services Director Mark Hetzler said a trip is booked in late September to visit other regional campuses to view newly opened facilities.

"We'll really look at everything and make what we hope is an informed decision," Hetzler said.

Accompanying Hetzler on the trip is Director of Residential Life Matt Baker, Student Affairs Associate Vice President Jackie Elliot, Finance and Support Services Vice President Ray Courter and a University architect.

Possible campus visits include Truman State University, University of Missouri-Columbia and University of Missouri-Kansas City.

No immediate plans are set for phase III, but an increase of upper-classman housing is a possibility.

Given the popularity of Tower Suites, additional suites will be built as opposed to apartments or a combination of both.

Talks and planning over phase III should take a year or more, Hetzler said. Current freshmen will be seniors or graduate by the time phase III becomes a reality, he said.

The Academy:

52 average enrollment for first-year students.

88 first-year students currently enrolled in the Missouri Academy

12 students currently enrolled from South Korea.

4 students currently enrolled from out-of-state, one from California, one from Maryland and two from Kansas.

Incoming students:

The "Vanguard" class of 2009 includes high school juniors and joins the 40 returning students.

Background:

The Academy opened August 2000, with 41 high school juniors from Missouri enrolled.

The purpose is to prepare graduates for success in science, mathematics and technology programs at higher education institutions.

When students complete the two-year program they receive a high school diploma and an associate of science degree.

Greek Recruitment Calendar

Sept. 5—Greek Information Session; 5 p.m., Union-Ballroom

Sept. 6—Sorority Song; 5 p.m., Performing Arts Center

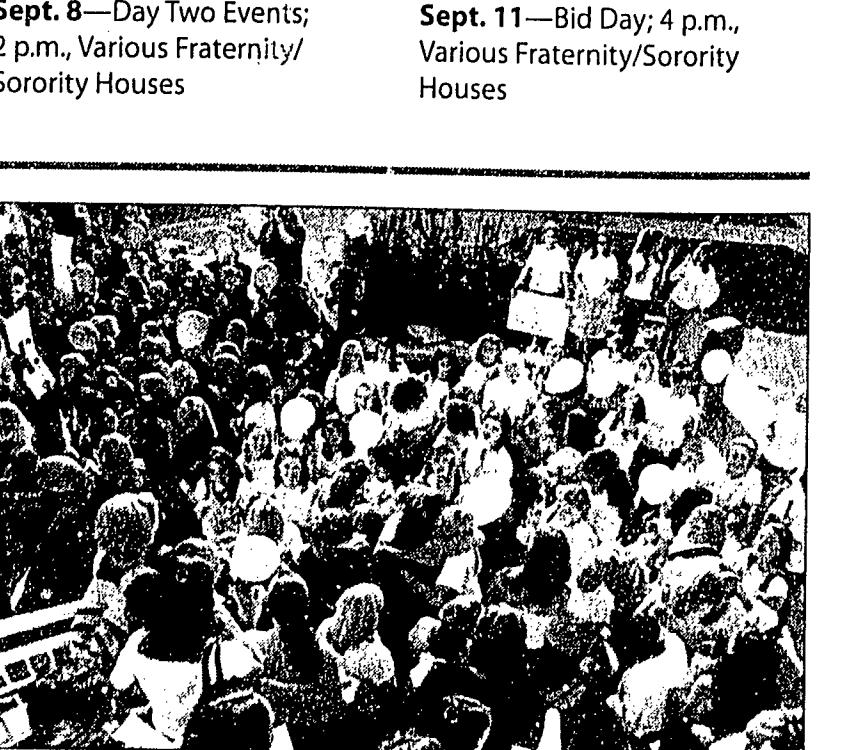
Sept. 7—Day One Events; 5 p.m., Various Fraternity/Sorority Houses

Sept. 8—Day Two Events; 2 p.m., Various Fraternity/Sorority Houses

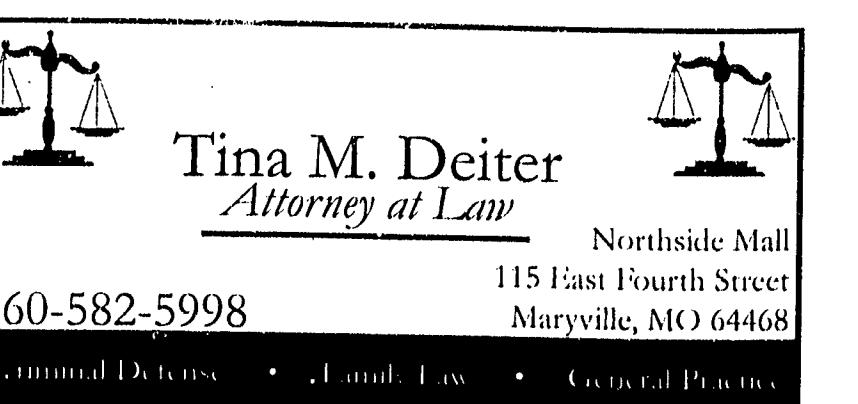
Sept. 9—Day Three Events (Philanthropy Day); 5 p.m., Various Fraternity/Sorority Houses

Sept. 10—Day Four Events (Preference Day); 5 p.m., Various Fraternity/Sorority Houses

Sept. 11—Bid Day; 4 p.m., Various Fraternity/Sorority Houses



DURING LAST YEAR'S Bid Day, new recruits are welcomed into their respective sororities. Each girl is welcomed with t-shirts, balloons and gifts. After accepting their new pledges, most sororities pose for Bid Day photos.



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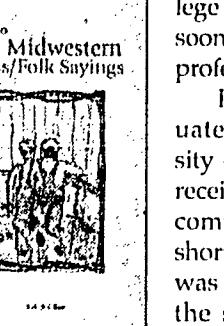
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PERSONALITY PROFILE

Former professor publishes children's book of Northwest Missouri sayings

Shane Sherwood
Chief Reporter

Hearing to Rural Midwestern Idioms/Folk Sayings



nation of both, Hetzler said. "While all that is in the plan, we'll really be starting from square zero."

Financial considerations are factors for phase III as well.

"Missouri doesn't supply any taxpayer money for non-academic facilities," Courter said. "So we have to do that on our own, borrow the money on our own, therefore our students who use the facility are the ones that have to repay the debt through user fees."

When plans grow firmer for a new project a financial aspect will be more visible.

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OUR VIEW

Campus Safety should be praised

We live in a time and place where cell phones can play your favorite YouTube videos, dorm doors can be unlocked from across campus and the contents of the Library of Congress can be accessed from Maryville. We live in a country that allows us the technology to get the information we need faster than anyone ever imagined.

However, on April 16, 2007, all the technology in the world didn't stop Seung Hi Cho from committing the deadliest shooting in U.S. history. The Virginia Tech panel report released Wednesday, Aug. 30, pins blame on a number of people and institutions that should have seen the warning signs. Everything from communication problems, issues with the mental health system and uncertainties of student privacy laws were highlighted in the report.

While high school administrators, parents and a judge knew of Cho's mental disability, educators and campus safety members did not. Cho refused court-ordered treatment, and when he did go to the campus counseling center they lost his records and never treated him. And of course, the two-hour gap in the shooting when campus was allowed to stay open after two students were found dead with no suspect in sight.

After April 16 universities' public safety departments around the country scrambled to update their safety policies. Northwest, however, was ahead of the curve and had begun updating their policies dealing with emotionally distressed students before the shooting.

The Threat Assessment Task Force, TAT, gets compiled information from faculty, staff, Residential Life staff and students. TAT meets once a week and discusses possible approaches to situations with members of Campus Safety, Residential Life, Academic Advisement, and the Wellness and Counseling centers.

Over the summer Northwest was incredibly proactive in adjusting their safety policies. Campus Safety updated the voice alarm system on campus, Simplex System, to add some new messages; locks were put on all doors, allowing them to be locked from the inside; and security and emergency placards were placed in classrooms and dorms. Even at athletic events programs and announcements now contain emergency policies.

Northwest also met a lot of the 22 points suggested for schools to follow in the report published by the governor's Campus Security Task Force, according to Campus Safety Director Clarence Green.

While no one can guarantee complete protection against someone like Cho from striking another campus or school, it is within reason to say that Northwest has done a remarkable job getting the ball rolling on improving our safety standards.



MY VIEW

Stand for change in China from home



Kathleen Wilmes
Guest Columnist

As the time shortens for China to host the 2008 Olympics, I think the United States will see an increase in coverage over the obvious lack of human rights in this Communist state; including labor conditions and regulations, the freedom of speech, and rights from torture and prolonged detention.

In regards to obvious international rights, Internet companies, including Yahoo! and Google, have been under fire in the United States with concern to labor regulations,

it was discovered that brick kilns in northern China have grossly taken advantage of children and adults with mental disadvantages by kidnapping and enslaving hundreds of people, paying little to nothing under cruel working conditions.

I think everyone can agree that even though these issues are across the world in a country with an entirely different culture, they still have a profound effect here at home. So what can we do as students of Northwest, residents of Nodaway County, citizens of the United States and leaders of

the world?

Starting big, Germany sets a prime example by openly criticizing China for censorship and the abuse of political advocates. United States companies could stop condoning the abuse of human rights by severing the business ties. And average citizens can make an impact as well.

We can stop giving our business to these corporations, and check to make sure where the products we purchase are from.

In any way possible, we need to stop trading human rights for profit.

MY VIEW

Games are not the real problem in elementary schools



Sarah York
Guest Columnist

An elementary school in Colorado Springs has recently banned the game of "tag" because children were supposedly being chased "against their will." Administrators allow children instead to play games that can involve running, but no chasing.

This is one of many examples of traditional childhood games, including dodgeball, touch football, and other sports in which teams are picked and scores are kept, that have

been either modified to protect the delicate emotions of children or banned entirely from the playground.

So what exactly are we protecting our kids against? The unimaginable

anguish of being chosen last on a playground kickball team, or facing the fact 12-year-old girls

were created a society that doesn't want competition and a time for them to learn how to handle defeat.

Perhaps most importantly, a time to learn you need to run faster than the kid chasing you. C'mon Colorado!

you must be a competitor, there will be a winner and a loser and your precious feelings will at some point get hurt.

If our children are denied the opportunity to learn how to handle these experiences at a young age with their parents' support and guidance they will be unprepared to handle the trials and tribulations of adolescence and adulthood.

These are their formative years, a time for kids to celebrate victory and a time for them to learn how to handle defeat.

Well kids, in the real world

we're creating a society that doesn't want competition and a time for them to learn how to handle defeat.

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MY VIEW

Since the Virginia Tech shootings, have you felt safe on campus?



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Broadcasting, Advertising



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Broadcasting, Advertising



"Yes. We have a lot of policies, like we have to escort people through hallways at night and campus safety comes to our advising classes to let us know they're there," Daniello Filkins
Elementary Education



"Yeah, because we have a smaller campus and campus security seems really good," Tyler Ramakers
Interactive Digital Media



"Just as safe. I don't feel as if anybody is going to shoot us up any time," Mallory Rives
Organizational Communication

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campus, Green said.

"If they're (faculty, staff and students) concerned about somebody let somebody know," Elliott said. "That's the key, let somebody know... it's good citizenship... take care of your neighbors."

Over the summer a few adjustments were made around campus for safety.

Some of the messages in the Simplex System, the voice alarm system on campus, were adjusted to add a few words, said Campus Safety Director, Clarence Green. The Simplex System is in 98 percent of buildings on campus; alternatives such as phone calls are being looked into for the other 2 percent. All residential and academic buildings fall in the 98 percent, Green said.

Locks were put on all classroom doors, which allow them to be locked from the inside, Green said.

Security and emergency checklist placards were also placed all over

such as surveillance cameras and mass text messaging. Timelines are in the works to see if and when those ideas will be brought to know what is expected of them in case of an emergency, Green said.

This summer Green served on the governor's Campus Security Task Force. The task force met several times starting May 1 and ending Aug. 23. At the end of the summer they submitted a report to the governor, Green said.

The report established 22 best practice points for schools to implement, but no school was forced to bring them into practice.

Counseling Services Director, Tim Crowley is working with Green on a program that should respond to anything that should come up.

During the meetings the group looked at plans for all hazards, not just shootings.

Northwest is in the process of evaluating the best practice points that are not currently part of the University's planning at this time,

Judge partially vacates conviction in controversial school fight case

By Howard Witt
Chicago Tribune

HOUSTON (MCT)—Ruling in a racially charged case that has drawn scrutiny from national civil rights leaders, a judge in the small central Louisiana town of Jena on Tuesday partially vacated the conviction of a black teenager accused in the beating of a white student while the district attorney reduced attempted murder charges against two other black co-defendants.

"We want to make that training available to all faculty and staff," Crowley said.

In addition to the training, "back up information" will be available on the Counseling Center Web site, Crowley said. The information will be what they learned in training.

The Counseling Center staff is available twenty-four seven to respond to anything that should come up.

"We want to be proactive in that, and we want to be as responsive as possible to help create a safe living—learning environment for all of our students," Crowley said.

During the meetings the group looked at plans for all hazards, not just shootings.

If students know someone on campus who they think is emotionally distressed the worst thing they can do is try and deal with it on their own, Crowley said. If they have

on Sept. 20. On that date, thousands of demonstrators from across the nation are planning to descend on the town of 3,000 to protest against the prosecution of Bell and five other black youths who have come to be called the "Jena 6."

In the months since the Chicago Tribune first reported the Jena story last May, civil rights groups, including the NAACP, the ACLU, the Southern Poverty Law Center and the Congressional Black Caucus, have all criticized what they assert is the uneven application of justice in the mostly white town.

The six black youths were all initially charged with attempted second-degree murder after an incident last December at the local high school in which a white student was attacked and knocked unconscious after an alleged taunt by him.

But Maufrey let stand Bell's conviction on aggravated second-degree battery, for which the 17-year-old faces up to 15 years in prison when he is sentenced

on Sept. 20.

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MONEY: Finances make or break business

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your business to last and stay. You'd better like what it is and like what you're doing."

Across South Main Street, Service Lube Manager Jerry Lutz closely echoed Coleman's advice, with a touch of thrift.

"That's why wherever you travel, the inside of certain franchises look the same," Langerock said. "That's part of the name-identification: That you know what's getting into."

Like Veeman, Langerock thinks planning can make a difference between success and failure in business.

Langerock specifically cites the effective financial planning of corporate franchises to account for the lean start-up period. Local, independent businesses often do not allow themselves enough "working capital" to sustain themselves through the initial stages, Langerock said.

"There are no guarantees. But there are a lot of opportunities."

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Costs can vary with each prospective location, so a franchise's

chances of opening can vary with the owner's willingness to invest.

Additionally, many corporations require their franchises to remodel approximately every five years, Langerock said.

"That's why wherever you travel, the inside of certain franchises look the same," Langerock said. "That's part of the name-identification: That you know what's getting into."

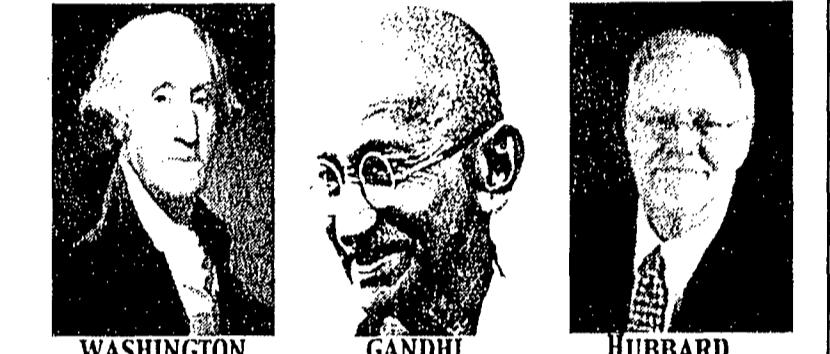
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8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1
 Andrew Sullivan

One of the most provocative political and social commentators today, Sullivan is a senior editor of *The Atlantic* and a columnist for *The Sunday Times* of London. He was one of the first journalists to experiment with blogging. In his latest book, "The Conservative Soul: How We Lost It, How to Get It Back," Sullivan makes an impassioned call to rescue conservatism from the Republican far right.

8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17
 Jeffrey Toobin

One of the nation's most esteemed experts on politics, media and the law and with unparalleled journalist skill, Toobin is a legal analyst for CNN, a staff writer for *The New Yorker*, and is a best-selling author. He has provided analysis on numerous major events, including the O.J. Simpson trial, the Kenneth Starr investigation and impeachment of President Bill Clinton, and the disputed Florida recount of the 2000 presidential election.

8 p.m. Tuesday, March 18
 Barbara Martinez Jitner

Martinez Jitner is an executive producer of *American Family*, the series that made history as the first Latino family drama on broadcast television. It debuted on PBS in January 2002. As president of El Norto Productions, Martinez Jitner is developing several feature films. She is the inspiration behind the 2007 Jennifer Lopez film, "Bordertown," based on her research of the Mexican town of Juarez, notorious for the murders of more than 400 women.

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7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29
 War Bonds: Songs and Letters of World War II



General Public: Orchestra \$20, Balcony \$18
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Take a musical journey through a war that redefined the world. This living history cabaret is interspersed with personal letters from the front and headline news of the period. Actual veterans' stories create a sentimental journey back through the days when blackouts and rationing were a small sacrifice in order to obtain freedom. War Bonds transcends generations by rekindling memories and providing a history lesson.

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30
 St. Petersburg Ballet Theatre performing "Carmen"



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7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11
 Ring of Fire



General Public: Orchestra \$25, Balcony \$23
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The music of the "Man in Black," legendary Johnny Cash, ignites the stage in this new Broadway musical featuring 38 signature songs that were performed by Cash. Stories of passion, redemption, humor and salvation set the stage ablaze in this musical celebration of the world's most favorite rebel. With favorites like "Walk the Line," "Hurt," "Folsom Prison Blues," "A Boy Named Sue," and the title track "Ring of Fire," audiences will tap their toes, stomp their feet and shout for more.

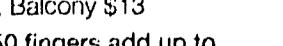
7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13
 Parsons Dance Company



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Since 1987, The Parsons Dance Company has thrilled audiences on six continents, having given more than 1,500 performances and a great many educational and community outreach residency activities. Parsons takes seriously its mission to make modern dance accessible to the widest possible audience throughout the world. The Company is comprised of nine full-time dancers and maintains a repertory of more than 70 works (with commissioned scores) by artistic director and founder David Parsons.

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4
 The Five Browns



General Public: Orchestra \$20, Balcony \$18
 Northwest student with valid ID: Orchestra \$15, Balcony \$13

"The Fab Five." One family, five pianos and 50 fingers add up to the biggest classical music sensation in years." These are just two descriptions of The Five Browns. This youthful, all-American quintet of brothers and sisters, each a virtuous concert pianist, has awakened the sleeping genre of classical music by appealing to a large and very broad audience. The musicians honed their skills simultaneously at New York's Juilliard School. This is "classical" classical music, but not quite as you've ever heard it.

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NW FOOTBALL

"We've got to come out with a sense of urgency and just get it done."

- Northwest co-captain Mike Peterson



NEBRASKA-OMAHA jumped out to an early 21-0 lead in 2005 after two touchdown passes from quarterback Brian Masek and a 57-yard touchdown run from Jamar Day (middle).

HOSTILE TERRITORY

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

The numbers say it all in the Northwest—University of Nebraska—Omaha series under Northwest coach Mel Tjerdson.

-Northwest defensive coordinator Scott Bostwick

"It's something we've been talking about since summer and that's we haven't beat the University of Nebraska-Omaha (at Omaha) since 1996

The last win came in the 1996 playoffs as Northwest running back Jesse Haynes' last-second touchdown catch sealed a 22-21 victory and Northwest's first playoff victory.

"I think the big thing is just to win there," Tjerdson said. "Nobody on our team has won there, except for a few of us coaches in '96."

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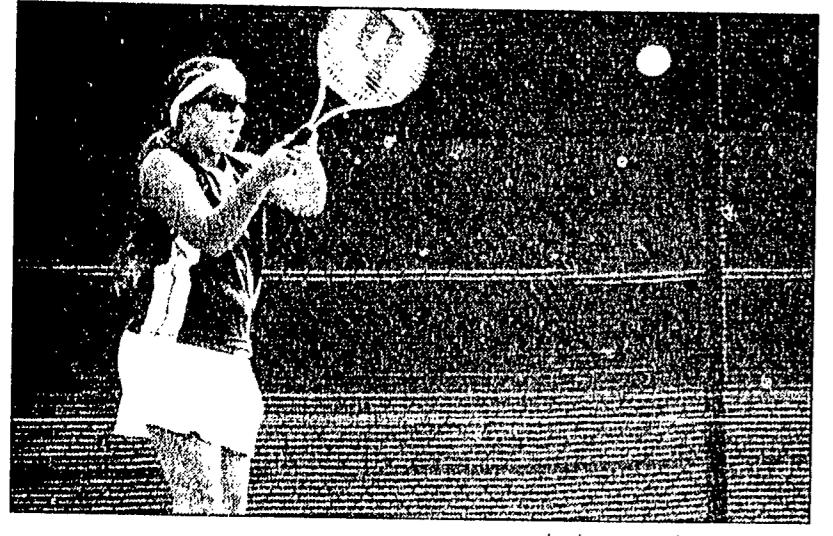
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MHS TENNIS



SERENA EULER strikes the ball back to a Savannah opponent during Tuesday's meet. Euler and Mallory Jobst were the lone 'Hounds to muster a victory during the 9-2 loss.

'Hounds' inconsistency remains against Savannah

Top two players win in singles competition; 'Hounds struggle in doubles

By Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

The top two players for the Marville High School girls' tennis team were the only ones to notch victories in the teams' 9-2 loss to Savannah, Tuesday.

Mallory Jobst and Serena Euler won their singles matches; Jobst winning 8-2 and Euler winning 9-7.

Euler had a long night coming back from a 6-1 deficit while battling illness and an uncooperative racket.

"I got pretty lucky today," Euler said. "I caught on pretty late in the game. I was down 1-6, and I came back from that."

Though Euler plays with deficits often, Euler was getting a little frustrated with her play.

To help her, Jobst, her friend and doubles partner, cheered from the crowd and encouraged her friend to overcome her deficit.

"She's a fighter," coach Tricia Knowles said. "Her and Mallory, they fight."

That fighting spirit is exclusive to the top players on the team, Knowles said. It has allowed Euler to move to 2-0 on the year—both come from behind victories.

The rest of the team didn't fair as well in singles competition with Jill Lawyer, Elane Endicott, Lindsay Shipley and Afton Kinman losing 8-6, 8-5, 8-3 and 8-2 respectively.

Disappointing singles play meant the Hounds had to win every doubles match in order to win the dual.

Euler and Jobst finished eighth in the state in doubles play last year.

"They have a special connection," Knowles said. "They're very supportive of each other... even the thought of them not playing doubles, they were having a fit."

Despite their special connection, Euler and Jobst were unable to come away with a victory moving them to 1-1 as a doubles team.

Towards the end there were some questionable shots that could have determined the game," Jobst said.

No other team was able to produce a doubles win either, but Knowles was encouraged by her team's improved play.

The Hounds will take the court again at 4:30 p.m., today, at the High Rise Tennis Courts in Maryville.

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NW SOCCER

Northwest preparing for final conference tune-up

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

Northwest coach Tracy Hoza said during Tuesday's media luncheon that her team had its best practice of the season Monday.

So far, in this early season, that's been the only good news coming from Bearcat Pitch. Northwest dropped to 0-2 Aug. 31 after a 2-1 loss to St. Cloud (Minn.) State.

"We did play better," Hoza said. "We did outrun and out-shoot our opponent. It's still a little bit hard to take a 0-2 start."

Northwest was scheduled to play Wayne State (Neb.) Sunday but a rash broke out among the visiting team, causing the game to be postponed. It may have been a blessing in disguise with Northwest 1-3 all-time against the Tigers.

"Rash. Is that the P.C. (Politically Correct) way to say it?" Hoza said with a laugh.

Kelsey Sanders broke Northwest's goal-less streak with a goal in the 55th minute. Through two games, Northwest has a shooting percentage of 3.1. In two games last year, Northwest had seven goals.

Freshman Andrea Freeman said the team needs to gel better as a team in order to break out of its slump. Sunday, the team travels to Oklahoma



RAE HILDRETH (left) and Whitney Macken (right) fight St. Cloud (Minn.) defender Amy Lindstrom for the ball during a 2-1 loss. The Bearcats are 0-2 on the season and begin the conference season Sept. 14 at Southwest Baptist.

It'll also be the last non-conference game before the Bearcats begin the conference season, Sept. 14, at Southwest Baptist. Northwest next plays Missouri Southern, Sept. 15, before returning home for a four-game home stand.

Northwest is 0-1 against Northeastern, losing 4-0 in 2000. If the history holds, it could be a long road-trip.

"I think with our practices and how well they're going, that we'll be ready to step up in conference," Freeman said.

NW CROSS COUNTRY

Competition begins for cross country

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

"Really the top five were all within a minute of each other," Alsip said. "We had a good pack."

Brad Sorensen and Harry Whitaker finished in the top six in the meet. Sorensen said it was good to get out and compete in something different than practice.

"It's going to be a competitive game," Hoza said. "We're going to be ready to step up in conference," Freeman said.

Alsip said the team stayed packed together well during the race.

place on the squad in every race, but one last year, and twisted her ankle during practice earlier in the week.

Northwest coach Scott Lorek said she is questionable for Saturday's season opener.

"It's nothing serious, she just twisted her ankle," Lorek said. "She has been injury-free the last couple of years, as has the team as a whole."

O'Brien (if available) and Karah Spader will run from the top two spots, while Maggie McManigal and Jennifer Dittburner round out the top four.

The Northwest women follow at 10 a.m., and the men round out the competition at 10:30 a.m. The meet is at the new cross country course located on the west side of the Northwest baseball diamond.

NW VOLLEYBALL

'Cats improve in second tournament

By Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

The record was the same. The placing was the same.

But for the Northwest volleyball team, the play was different. The 'Cats improved, but the play was better.

"We were more aggressive, and we were smarter," coach Anna Tool said about the team's 2-2 performance. "So just our decision making improved a lot."

The 'Cats began their weekend with a win over Arkansas-Monticello 3-0, and showed their most consistent play so far this season. They tallied only nine hitting errors, a season-low, and had a .33.3

percent hitting percentage.

Outside hitter Rachel Nisi registered 13 kills with two errors while libero Paige Spangenberg added 11 digs to aid the team's ball control.

"If we're going to be successful, we have to have it (ball control)," Spangenberg said. "And when do we have ball control, everything else is a lot better."

The second match against Nova Southeastern (Fla.) would prove to be the most back-and-forth of the season. After winning the first two games, the 'Cats dropped the next three to lose the match.

After building a 25-20 lead and needing only five points to win

the second match, the 'Cats were outscored 13-6 in losing game four 33-31.

"It's frustrating, but that's kind of a part of being a young team like we are," Spangenberg said. "It's just one of those things we'll overcome as we get more comfortable with each other."

The 'Cats appeared a little less aggressive at the net after the first two games of match two, Tool said. But she thinks experience will play a role in helping her young team close out games.

After a tough second match, the 'Cats bounced back with a 3-0 trouncing of Southwest Oklahoma. Johnson led the team with 11 kills and was eventually named

to the all-tournament squad.

The 'Cats dropped the final match of the tournament 3-0 to St. Edwards, but kept every game close, losing by scores of 30-28, 30-27 and 30-26.

The team will continue tournament play when they host the Bearcat Classic this weekend.

"It's going to be a quality tournament," Tool said. "South Dakota's on a hot streak. I think they're like 9-0...Augustana's cracked the top 20...so I mean, it's going to be a challenge."

Tournament play begins at 9 a.m., Friday, in Bearcat Arena. The 'Cats take the court at 1 p.m. against South Dakota.

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You're a perfectionist, but this year, you can't do everything. Delegate more responsibilities. You don't want to both any due to overload. Make more time for yourself.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 5—Domestic squabbles are not your favorite form of entertainment. Help them all settle down and work together, to accomplish great things.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is an 8—You'll be thinking about creative projects more for the next few weeks. Do the planning and get the patterns. You can save a lot of money on gifts this year.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is a 7—There's money coming in, perhaps due to a change at the top. If there's a promotion you'd like to have, apply for it now.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is an 8—You're entering a very creative phase. You may not be very interested in social activities though, unless they're held at your beautiful home. You could go for that.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 6—You can tell that you're accomplishing things when the money starts coming in. It will, so don't slow down. You'll earn more for the dirtier jobs.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is an 8—Friends will be glad to help you find anything you need. They can even lead you to the right person for an important job. Ask and ye shall receive.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 5—Finish an old job quickly and a new one follows on its heels. Don't let yourself be overwhelmed; look forward to the challenge.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is an 8—You're good at keeping secrets, that's why you get told so many. Keep the one that comes under discussion now. Change the subject smoothly without attracting attention.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 5—You're more interested in philosophy than finances and yet, as you know, it's nice to have some pocket change. Take care of your business and your business takes care of you.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is an 8—Even if you're not working for tips, the same rules apply now. The better you do the job, the more money you'll be paid. Keep a cheerful attitude, too.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 5—This job requires great sensitivity. And, it doesn't pay very well. Should you delegate it to somebody else? Nope, that's not an option.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is an 8—You are incredibly special in somebody else's opinion. At moments like this, it's always a good idea not to argue.

My excitement though, was dampened when Harry...wasn't dead anymore, I guess? I read the book when it came out, and I still

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It was porn.

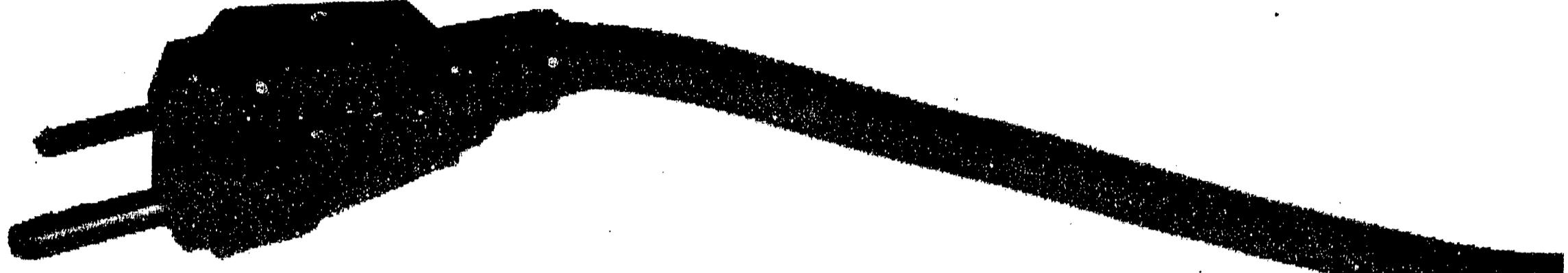
Porn was playing on the screen at Burny's a couple of weekends ago, and I was watching. I had strolled in to partake in sin and red-neck watching, when the gyrating silicone and humongous hog of the horizontal hurdle caught my eye.

I couldn't look away. It was

female porno mastery. Do you think Jameson has had a real orgasm in the last 15 years? I don't see how. I could probably crawl inside of her and wear her as a Halloween costume. But she sells it because she's a craftsman. She'll go out there and make you believe.

Porn and painting are all about expression. Expressing oneself with a brush and an easel is no different than expressing oneself with a sex swing and strap-on.

Unplugged



Staffer spends a day away from digital addiction

Tara Adkins
Features Editor

Do do, do do, ring ring.

I ignored my cell phone as the computer door creaked open from an instant message, an alert from an e-mail sounded and the TV played muffled in the background all while I was engrossed in a life or death game of "Guitar Hero" with my roommate.

Although at times I may seem computer illiterate compared to bigwig, electronic gurus, I really don't think I could live a life without being digitally connected to the rest of the world. Fifteen years ago, although only 7 years old at the time, I would have never imagined the digital life I now live. But I also think I never would have imagined a life being so dependent on something as trivial as checking my e-mail a dozen times a day.

So I decided to face a new challenge. I went one day digital-less. That means 24 hours without my iPod, laptop, digital camera, Internet, TV and cell phone. And it was a challenge.

7 a.m., Aug. 29, 2007.

This is the time I would normally have my iHome awake me from my deep, sweet slumber to the subtle tunes of the local radio station. But since I can't use it, I relied on my internal alarm clock, which was quite the gamble. Surprisingly, it's more accurate than I thought, and I woke up only 12 minutes late after glancing at my analog watch. This will now be my only timekeeping device from now on.

8:30 a.m.

Before I head out the door, I usually check my e-mail, the weather and my Facebook. But not today. I'll have to go Internet-less all day. This might be more difficult than I thought.

9:05 a.m.

First class is starting. Power Points never crossed my mind. All of my teachers incorporate them into their lectures. Do they count? Unfortunately, they do and my teacher will use one. Well let's just say I get three cheats for the day.

10:50 a.m.

So it's pretty much impossible to stay away from electronics when Northwest is known as the Electronic Campus.

I had to use another cheat as my second teacher used a Power Point. Only one more left and it's still just the morning.

Noon.

Thankfully, my final teacher of the day did not use a Power Point and it was a good, old fashioned lecture. Well I wouldn't exactly call it good. More like, so mundane I wanted to stab my Bic pen through my eyeball just to add excitement to the class. Wonder if that would excuse me from future classes? Better not take the risk. Being blind probably would affect my writing performance.

At least classes are done for the day, but now the hard part sets in. I trek back to my apartment pondering what I will do to keep myself busy for the rest of the day.

3:08 p.m.

I've used the past few hours catching up on homework. I rarely read when a teacher tells us to, so I thought I would be a good student and actually do the assignment. Although, it's not exactly the most exciting way to spend an afternoon, I feel like I've accomplished something.

4 p.m.

I spent the last 40 minutes sleeping, which will probably be the best part of my day. I think I'll go pick up a couple newspapers and find out what's going on in the world since I'm quarantined from TV and Internet. If anything, I can always do the puzzles in the paper if the news is boring.

5:10 p.m.

OK, I'll admit it. It's getting tough now. I literally did spend the last hour doing crossword and Sudoku puzzles in the newspapers. Slightly sad, but luckily my roommates are back. Now I won't have to suffer in silence.

6:30 p.m.

So officially call me pathetic. There went my last cheat. I cringed for it. I needed a fix like a junkie on crack cocaine. I was desperate and gave in.

Apparently, Facebook has its stern reigns on my soul and convinced me to have a sweet taste of its evil, social addiction. Truthfully, it was worth it. But now I've realized I have a problem. I truly am addicted to Facebook. But admitting the problem is the always the first step to recovery.

8:15 p.m.

My roommates and I visited Wal-Mart—the economy beast of boredom. Who knew you could spend an hour perusing the vast amounts of makeup, office supplies and other random objects in the corporate giant's warehouse.

I was a sucker for their impulse advertising techniques. I grabbed everything and anything in sight that looked moderately interesting. Of course I spent too much money as usual. But I left with an armload of Wal-Mart stamped plastic bags, a dent in my wallet and a boost in morale.

11 p.m.

Right now I feel like I should've skipped that 40 minute nap as I lay wide-eyed staring at the ceiling resembling cottage cheese.

My mind races about all the things I missed that went on in the world. I probably should've used my cheat to check my e-mail instead of Facebook. I'm so irresponsible.

Who knew it would be so difficult to exclude everything digital? I can't wait until tomorrow when life will start back over—just the way Bill Gates intended.

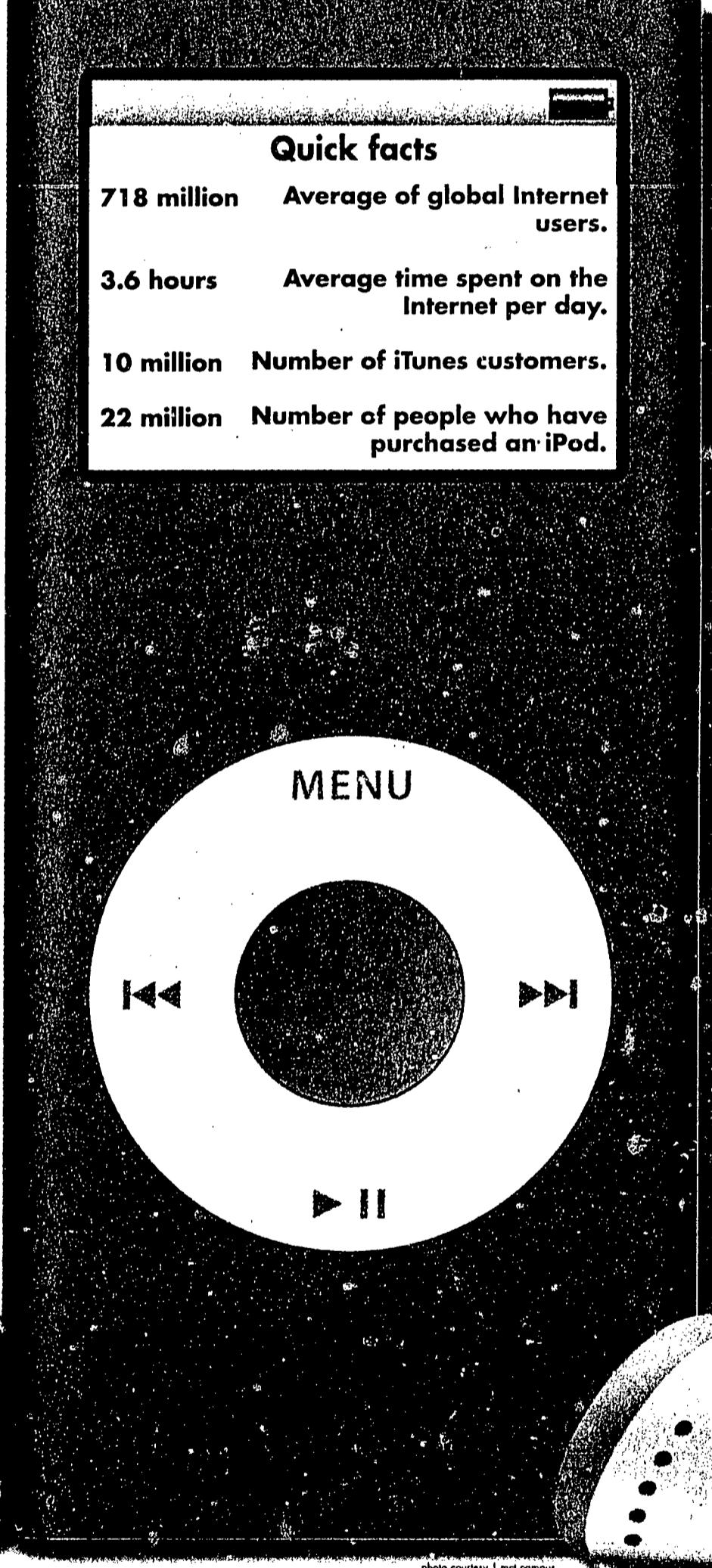


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Sept. 29 Southwest Baptist, (Family Weekend) 6 p.m.
Oct. 6—Pittsburg State (Fall Classic at Arrowhead VI) Kansas City, Mo., 2 p.m.
Oct. 13—Central Missouri, 1 p.m.
Oct. 20—Fort Hays State, Fort Hays, Kan., 2 p.m.
Oct. 27—Washburn, (Homecoming) 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 3—Emporia State, Emporia, Kan. 1 p.m.
Nov. 10—Missouri Southern, 1 p.m.
Nov. 17—NCAA Playoffs, First Round TBA
Nov. 24—NCAA Playoffs, Second Round TBA
Dec. 1—NCAA Playoffs, Quarterfinals TBA
Dec. 8—NCAA Playoffs, Semifinals TBA
Dec. 15—Division II Championship Florence, Ala. TBA

*Home games in bold

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

Defense carried Northwest back to the national championship game last season.

One thing missing from that title game and the year before was offense. The last two years, Northwest has returned home from Florence, Ala., empty-handed.

Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma insists returning to 'Bama isn't the only thing on his teams' mind.

"The disappointment from '05 was a real motivating factor for us last year and I think that's a motivating factor again this year," Tjeerdsma said as he begins his 14th season at Northwest. "I think these guys haven't narrowed it to just that, but they're looking at the whole thing. We've got an MIAA conference championship to defend, we've got a tough schedule, we play at Arrowhead again. I think they know that if we really prepare well and play well, we're going to be successful. We've got the ability. There's no doubt about that."

This season, the offense is expected to set the tempo, much like last year's defense that held opponents to just over 11 points per game.

"That would be an expectation," Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "Offensively, we should be in very good shape."

Last season, the offense averaged over 33 points per game, but were held to 14 points by Grand Valley State as it eliminated Northwest for the second straight year.

Senior running back Xavier Omon

thinks it's time to let the offense drive the wagon.

"That defense carried us last year and maybe this year, it should be the offense that carries us," Omon said, who rushed for 1,518 yards and 22 touchdowns last season. "I don't want to say we're not confident in our defense, but we've got to score more points. We've got to be more efficient than last year."

Senior quarterback Josh Mathews returns this season after throwing for over 3,300 yards and 23 touchdowns. Mathews enjoyed a relatively flawless playoff per-



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QUARTERBACK JOSH MATHEWS (left) and Xavier Omon (right) are expected to lead the Northwest offense that averaged over 33 points per game before being held to 14 points in last year's national championship.

formance, passing for 713 yards with four touchdowns and one interception. That all came to a screeching halt when he threw three interceptions—all in the red zone, in the title game.

Omon said he's confident his "partner in crime" will bounce back. He's also confident that the offense, which returns eight starters, can take it to the next level if they can have longer drives, less three-and-outs and fewer penalties.

"I feel like as long as we don't get too over-confident, we should be fine," Omon said. "We've got a lot of talent."

The offensive line took the

#98 TJ Kauffman—DT

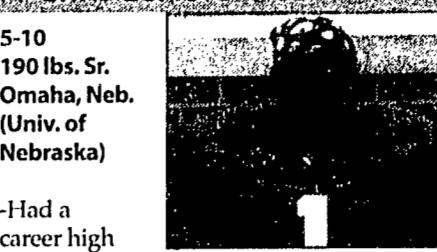
6-2
290 lbs. Sr.
St. Louis,
Mo. (East-
ern Illinois)



-Played in 12 games as a reserve last season.
-Had two tackles in three different games during junior season.
-Played two seasons at Eastern Illinois.
-Named 6A first team All-Missouri state twice.

#1 Chris LeFlore—CB

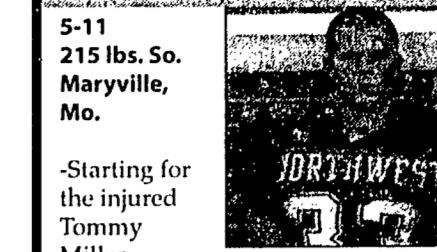
5-10
190 lbs. Sr.
Omaha, Neb.
(Univ. of
Nebraska)



-Had a career high seven tackles during last season's national championship game.
-Appeared in 15 games as a freshman.
-Walked-on and was redshirted during his freshman season.
-Named honorable mention All-State by the *Omaha World Herald* in senior season.

#32 Evan Wilmes—LB

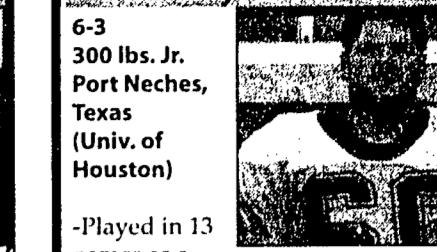
5-11
215 lbs. So.
Maryville,
Mo.



-Starting for the injured Tommy Miller.
-Appeared in 15 games as a freshman.
-Redshirted for Division I Houston University during his freshman year.
-All-state during high school and named one of the top 10 offensive linemen in the area by the *Houston Chronicle*.

#60 Jeremy Davis—OL

6-3
300 lbs. Jr.
Port Neches,
Texas
(Univ. of
Houston)



-Played in 13 games as a reserve offensive lineman during 2006 campaign.
-Redshirted for Division I Houston University during his freshman year.
-All-state during high school and named one of the top 10 offensive linemen in the area by the *Houston Chronicle*.

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#55 Kyle Dunn—OL

6-4
295 lbs. Sr.
St. Louis, Mo.
(North Iowa
Area CC)



-Played in 15 games as a reserve offensive guard during the 2006 season.
-While at North Iowa Area Community College, Dunn played offensive line for two years.
-Named to the Missouri High School all-state team at Hazelwood East.

#54 Matt Robertson—LB

6-1
235 lbs. Sr.
Sunrise, Fla.
(Iowa State
Univ.)



-Named academic All-Big XII conference in 2005.
-One of two Cyclone players to record 103 tackles in 2005.
-Played high school football at Piper.

#97 Sean Paddock—DE

6-2
255 lbs. So.
Bettendorf,
Iowa
(Pleasant
Valley HS)



-Tied for the team lead with seven and a half sacks.
-Had a team-high three forced fumbles.
-Named first team All-State while at Pleasant Valley, and was the only player to be named to the offensive and defensive all-conference teams.

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NW FOOTBALL

Defense reloads for 2007 campaign

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

A year can make quite a difference. And for the Northwest football team, it has changed an entire identity.

After last year's defensive make-up shaped the Bearcats, the offense has its turn with eight returning starters. The defense, on the other hand, must replace six positions, four of which were All-Americans.

With four All-Americans, last year's defense allowed only 16 first quarter points, 248 yards per game and only five teams to register three scores or more. However, the task doesn't seem to overwhelm Northwest defensive coordinator Scott Bostwick.

"Each defense is different," Bostwick said. "The guys who graduated are going to be hard

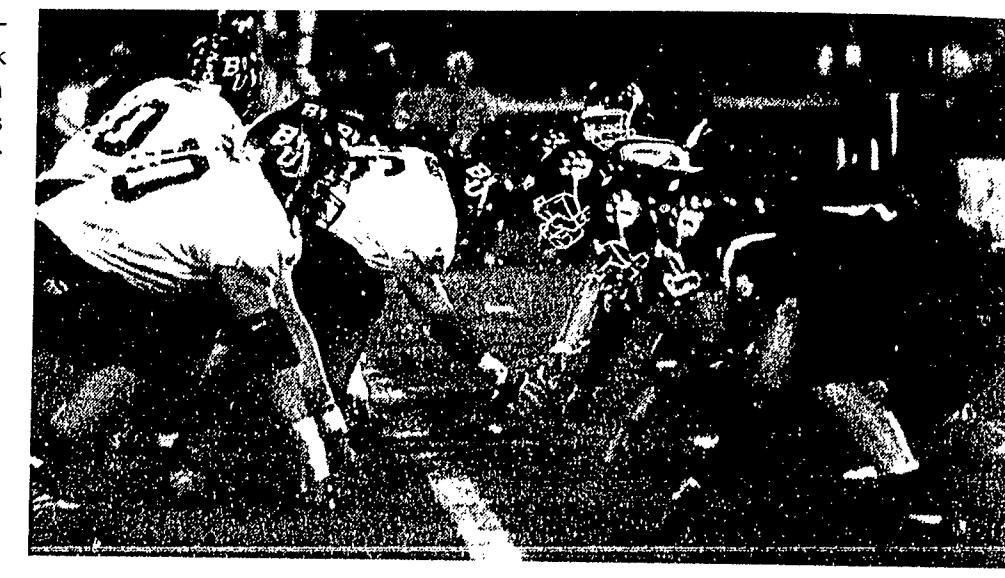
to replace, there's no questioning that. But this year's defense just needs time to identify themselves."

And time is something defensive co-captain Jared Ersamer said this defense will need to reach last year's milestones.

"Obviously we lost a lot of guys, and we don't expect to start off right where we left off," Ersamer said. "In a few games, we'll see what we're made of."

Ersamer, a second team MIAA all-conference selection, anchors a linebacking core trying to replace Ben Harness and Thomas Smith, both All-Americans. Harness and Smith posted 56 and 88 tackles, respectively, while Ersamer finished with 72 tackles, putting him second on the team behind Smith.

Tommy Miller, Evan Wilmes and Iowa State senior transfer



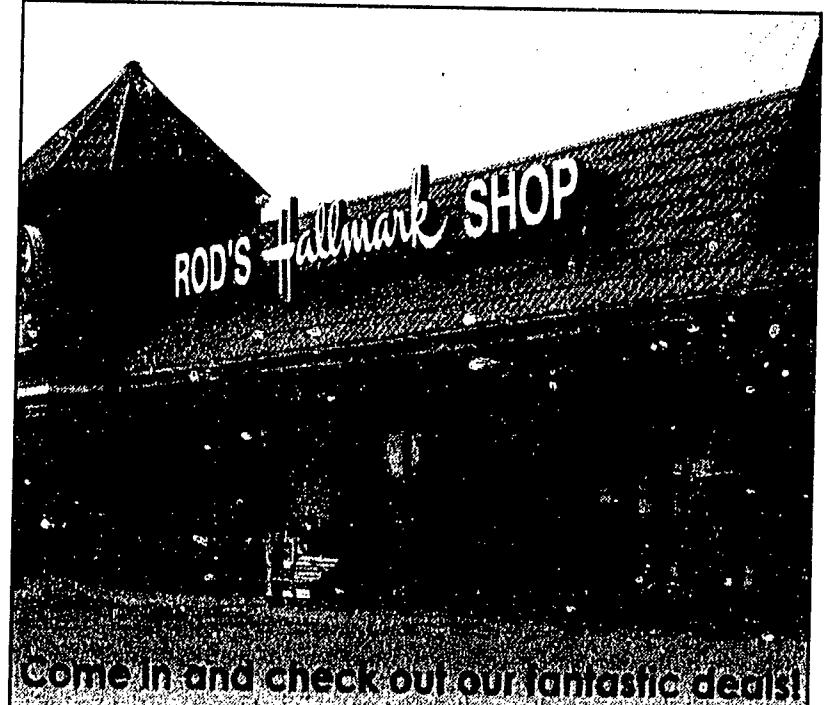
NORTHWEST'S DEFENSIVE line is one area where the Bearcats lack depth. Dallas Flynn and Terry Bilbo are the only returning starters, while T.J. Kauffman and Sean Paddock will fill in the voids left by Kyle Kaiser and Ryan Waters.

Miller was slotted in the other linebacker position, before injuring his tibia. The injury was only supposed to sideline the senior two or three weeks, but now it looks like he will miss the University of Nebraska-Omaha game.

Wilmes, who made the start against Arkansas Tech, will fill the void, and Bostwick said this is a good learning experience.

"This was the one spot we didn't need a hit," Bostwick said. "After Miller, really no one else had seen time at the linebacker position. But this is the beauty of an injury, I guess, because now Wilmes has to step up and show us what he can do."

Chris LeFlore, a transfer from the University of Nebraska Lincoln last season, debuts in the opposite cornerback position as returning starter Brandon Clayton.



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Youth spotlights cross country season

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

There's no mistaking the most glaring similarity between the Northwest men and women's cross country teams - youth.

The men are welcoming eight new runners, while the women feature only one senior. Women's coach Scott Lorek said although his team features one senior, he is surprised at how fast his young runners have adjusted to running collegiate cross country.

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"We have a lot of speed," Tjeerden said. "This is probably the best overall speed we've ever had. Our defense will get better as the season goes along and they are very focused. They want to be at this level and that will carry us a long ways."

This newly shaped defense will have to mature quickly, as the first game is at a place the 'Cats haven't won since 1996.

"The jury is still out on this defense, and their first game will be a hell of a test," Bostwick said.

"We'll see what these guys are made of."

moving to St. Joseph with his wife.

He's returned to school and is running at Northwest.

"I took a couple years off because I got burned out and endured some different injuries," Chappell said. "But during these last couple of years, I have still been in training."

Although Chappell has not trained with a team for two years, he has been working with his brother, a professional distance runner.

"I competed at a high level when I ran competitively, so I'm anxious to see where I'm at right now," Chappell said. "I have been training hard, but now we'll see how I handle training with going to college."

Chappell, O'Brien and Spader will see where they stand when stepping on the new Northwest cross country course Saturday. The first-place finishers will set new course records on an almost 100 percent grass surfaced course.

The Bearcat/Spoofhound Open starts with high school girls at 9 a.m., followed by high school boys at 9:30 a.m. The Northwest women and men begin at 10 and 10:30 a.m., respectively.



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'Cats must be more productive on road



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By Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

There's no place like home.

That statement couldn't be truer than for the 2006 Northwest women's soccer team. The Bearcats went 6-3-1 at home.

However, a 2-6 road record kept Northwest out of the playoffs as they finished with a school-record nine wins.

"We would like to get better results from those games on the road," Northwest coach Tracy Hoza said as she begins her fifth season.

Last year, in five road games against Washburn, Central Missouri, Missouri Southern, Truman State, and Southwest Baptist, the Bearcats didn't notch a single goal, losing all five.

So far this year, the 'Cats are 0-1 on the road—losing 1-0 to Upper Iowa Aug. 24.

Scoring more goals in road games will have to be done without last year's top scorer Kayla Griffin, who scored seven goals and led the team with 15 points.

"Not only was her goal scoring one of the best, so was her work ethic," Hoza said. "She really did affect the play-

ers that she was around."

Two of the players Hoza expects to help fill Griffin's goal scoring void are Amy Jackson, who will be converted to midfielder after playing defender last year, and Krista Obley. Jackson had four goals last year, while Obley missed nine games with an injury.

The 'Cats efficiency around the goal has been an issue early in the season. In two matches, they have a 3.1 shooting percentage with one goal scored in 32 attempts.

More goal scoring on the road might be the key to getting over the hump and into a winning season this year. However, doing so means finishing around the net, Hoza said.

One thing the 'Cats have, is the ability to keep getting better, senior forward Marti Trummer said.

The 'Cats continue their attempts to win on the road at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, in Tahlequah, Okla., against Northeastern State.

The 'Cats began their conference schedule, Sept. 14, at Southwest Baptist.

"There are a lot of hard teams in our conference, but we're just as hard," Trummer said. "No one underestimates us anymore."

KRISTA POLLMAN (right) is one of seven starters looking to fill the scoring void left by Kayla Griffin. Through two games in 2006, the team had seven goals. In two games this season, Northwest has one goal.

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Bearcat Soccer Schedule

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Tahlequah, Okla., 2:30 p.m.
Sept. 14—Southwest Baptist,
Bolivar, Mo., 4 p.m.
Sept. 15—Missouri Southern,
Joplin, Mo., 4 p.m.
Sept. 21—Emporia State,
Bearcat Pitch, 2 p.m.
Sept. 22—Washburn,
Bearcat Pitch, 2 p.m.
Sept. 28—Missouri Western,
Bearcat Pitch, 2 p.m.
Sept. 29—Central Missouri,
Bearcat Pitch, 4 p.m.
Oct. 3—Truman, Kirksville,
Mo., 2 p.m.
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Pitch, 2 p.m.
Oct. 12—Washburn,
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By Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor



NW GOLF

Golf beginning first season

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

said 'Dad, we need a golf team.' I said 'Well, how do we do that,' " McLaughlin said.

From there, women's golf became a club sport in 2001. In April 2006, the Board of Regents approved a proposal by Northwest athletic director Bob Boeriger to make golf a varsity sport.

McLaughlin said he is enjoy-

ing his first year as a college coach. He's even enjoying learning NCAA regulations and the competency tests he had to take before being given the reigns of the program in May 2006.

"It's exciting," McLaughlin said. "When I was the club coach, I could do whatever I want, but now I've had to learn so much more as a college coach and I owe my thanks to Dr. Sue (Reinders, Assistant Athletic Director.)"

Northwest opens the non-championship season Sept. 13 when they host the Bearcat Invitational at Mozingo Lake Golf Course. Monday and Tuesday, the team will play two rounds of golf to determine the top-five golfers. Before each tournament, they'll play two rounds to set up

the top-five golfers.

Feuerbach enjoys the com-

petition. "It's not often that you compete against your own team-mates, but it'll be fun," Feuer-

bach said.

Bearcat Golf Schedule

Sept. 13—Bearcat Invitational,
Mozingo Lake Golf Course

Sept. 17—Graceland Invita-

tional, Graceland University

Golf Course

Sept. 21-22—Rockhurst
Invitational, Claycrest Golf
Course

Sept. 30-Oct. 1—Nebraska
Wesleyan Invitational,
Pioneer and Highlands Golf
Courses

Oct. 4-5—William Jewell
Invitational, Claycrest Golf
Course

Oct. 19—Avila Invitational,
Ironhorse Golf Club

Bearcats begin youth movement

By Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

consistent at all times could be contributed to inexperience, Tool said.

The 2007 Northwest volley-
ball team will have a youthful look this year as coach Anna Tool fields a team of 10 players, half of which are freshmen.

This year's squad includes three new transfers, all of whom are freshmen or sophomores.

"We're looking for that consistent leadership from either a freshman or a sophomore right now," Tool said.

Graduation and the decision by some players to leave, caused the team's new look. The 'Cats have lost their top four scorers from last season.

To solve this problem, Tool brought in outside hitter Alicia Johnson from the University of Iowa.

"At the outside hitting position we've actually added some depth..." Tool said. "Alicia Johnson will be our go to player on offense."

Johnson, a 5-foot-9-inch sophomore from Tripoli, Iowa, isn't shying away from that burden either, but said she's ready for the pressure.

After two tournaments, Johnson is second on the team with 88 kills, but admitted that she needs to improve her hitting efficiency.

Hitting efficiency was one of the key factors in the 'Cats 2-2 performance in the Nebraska-Kearney Volleyball Classic. In their two wins, the 'Cats posted a combined 42 attack errors. In their two losses they had 67.

Hitting improved during the St. Edwards Volleyball Classic last weekend. The 'Cats notched 75 hitting errors in all of their matches, but still managed a 2-2 record over those four games.

The team's inability to remain

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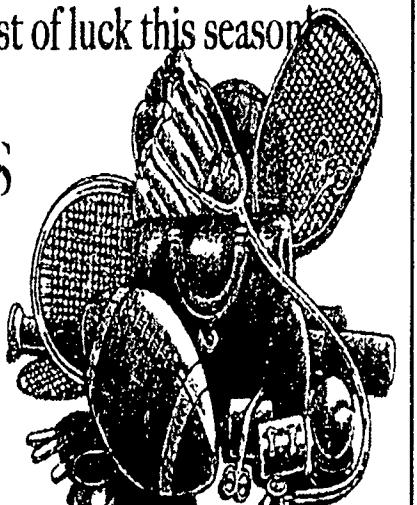
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MHS FOOTBALL

Senior-led 'Hounds eye district title

By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

Last season, an inexperienced Maryville football team battled inconsistency en route to a 4-6 record.

A lack of experience will not be a problem this season as the Spoofhounds, who already knocked off their biggest rival last week, have returning starters at nearly every position.

With 14 returning starters, and just three of whom being two-way players, the expectations have risen.

Second-year coach Chris Holt said a third consecutive season without a playoff appearance will be very difficult to stomach.

"We've set a goal for ourselves to compete for a district championship," Holt said. "If we're not in the playoffs, I think this team would see that as a failure."

"I just think if we don't win our district, that's not going to be good enough. We're a totally different team (than last year.) Senior leadership has been huge and we're just miles ahead of where we were last year at this time."

Of those 17 starters, nine are on the offense, including every skill position. Senior quarterback Andy Walter returns after throwing for 757 yards and 10 touchdowns last season. Senior Malcolm Swinford and junior Adam Mattson will be taking the majority of Walter's handoffs. Mattson finished with 898 rushing yards in 2006, and was All-MEC as a sophomore.

Senior Tanner Archer will occasionally line up at wide receiver after totaling 294 yards a year

use more depth."

The offensive line returns Spencer Twaddle and Dillon Owens, while the remainder of the unit is new. Junior guard Tanner Walter will be out for a few weeks while recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery.

Defensively, the team returns nine starters, and only one, Mattson, is a full-time two-way player.

Two-time All-MEC middle linebacker Tyler Ogelsby leads the unit with Archer, a safety, spearheading the charge in the secondary. Seniors Luke Lancaster and Jeremy Davis will line up on the line with junior John Schreck aiding the linebacking corps. Ogelsby is out for a few weeks with a separated shoulder.

While the unit is going to be fresh as only a few will see time on offense, that is not the only advantage it possesses.

Mattson said team unity and

overall comprehension of the coaching philosophy will make the difference this season.

"We know what we're doing a lot more and there's just more experience out there this year," Mattson said. "Everyone's coming and playing as a team. I think MEC champs is a pretty good goal for us."

While Holt sees his team as vastly improved from his initial campaign, he still coaches a Class 2 team in a conference filled with Class 3 and 4 schools. But, like his running back, he won't count his 'Hounds out of the MEC race.

"I really think it's Platte County's race to take care of but we would love to think we're up there in the top two or three," he said. "Just don't hand the trophy over yet to Platte County. We'd like to have some say in it."

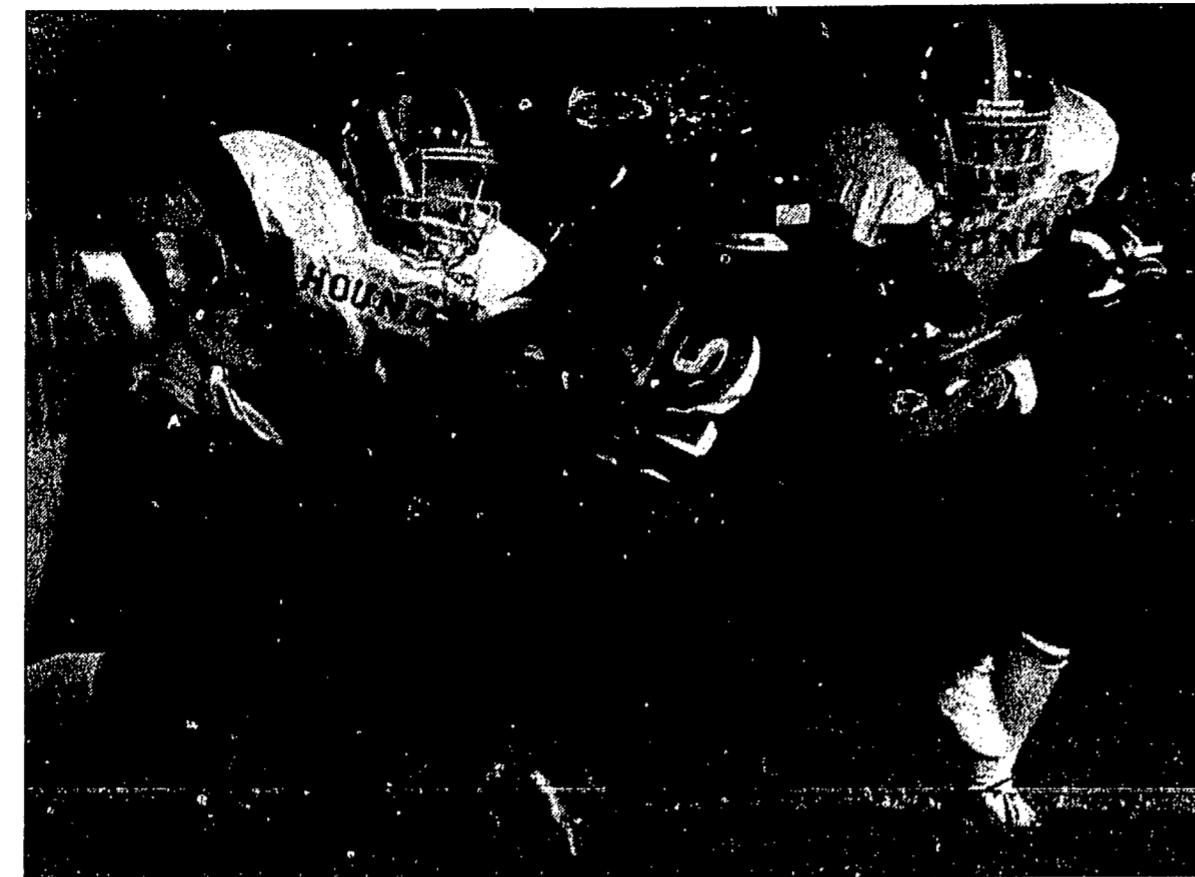


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MARYVILLE SENIOR HALFBACK Malcolm Swinford (right) attempts to elude Chillicothe cornerback Tyson Blattner. Swinford is expected to be one of the two feature backs in the Spoofhounds' offense this season.



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MARYVILLE JUNIOR tailback Adam Mattson gets a rare breather in the fourth quarter of Maryville's 20-18 win over Chillicothe. Mattson rushed for 102 yards on the night.

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MHS VOLLEYBALL

Experience fuels high hopes for 'Hounds

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

When hearing the Maryville volleyball team's starting lineup, don't be shocked if those names seem slightly similar to last year's names. In fact, don't be surprised when all six starters announced are the same as last year's.

Head coach Lori Klaus' second year seems to be off to the right start with three seniors, one junior and two sophomores leading the starting unit for the second consecutive year.

"With our experience, we're speeding up the offense more, and we should win quite a few more matches," Klaus said. "We've learned a lot from last year, and I've seen a different attitude during practice. This team wants to win more this year, and that all starts with the leadership stepping up."

That leadership starts with the Spoofhounds' two captains, seniors Leah Wilmes and Jayme Mattson.

Klaus said Wilmes and Mattson's experience was integral during summer workouts.

"Both captains are really good leaders," Klaus said.

"The team really looks up to them. They work hard, so the rest of the team works hard with them."

During the summer, the team endured workout regimens three days a week, including conditioning and



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MARYVILLE COACH Lori Klaus watches action intently during the Spoofhounds season opener. Klaus' team returns all six starters from last year's team.

And expectations are just what this team has. Not only are the 'Hounds returning all six starters, sophomore outside hitter Jessica From returns.

McGinness, a setter, was named to an all-camp team during a summer volleyball tournament.

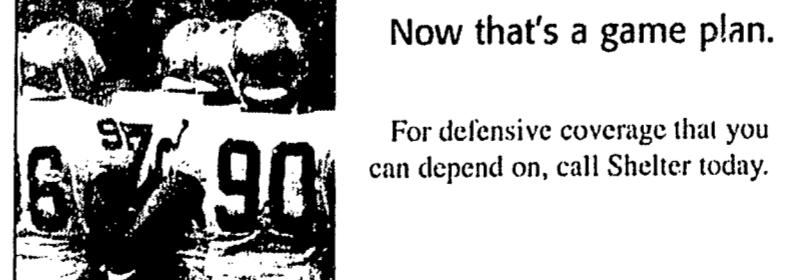
Despite losing narrowly to Clarinda during their season's first match, the 'Hounds are set on making noise in district play this season.

"I think the team is more enthusiastic this year," Mattson said. "We can expect a lot more this year, and we should challenge for the district."

Spoofhound Volleyball Schedule

- Sept. 6—at Platte County, 5 p.m.
- Sept. 8—Winnetonka Tournament, 8 a.m.
- Sept. 11—at Benton, 5 p.m.
- Sept. 13—at Lafayette, 5 p.m.
- Sept. 18—at Chillicothe, 5 p.m.
- Sept. 20—Cameron, 5 p.m.
- Sept. 25—Lafayette, 5 p.m.
- Sept. 27—at Savannah, 5 p.m.
- Oct. 1—Rock Port, 5 p.m.
- Oct. 4—Benton, 5 p.m.
- Oct. 6—"Hounds invite at MHS/MMS, 8 a.m.
- Oct. 9—Savannah, 5 p.m.
- Oct. 11—Chillicothe, 5 p.m.
- Oct. 15—at Fairfax, 5 p.m.
- Oct. 16—Smithville, 5 p.m.
- Oct. 22-26—Districts
- 10/26—Sectionals
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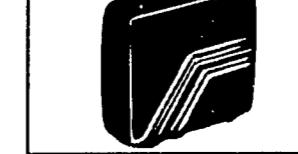
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New-look 'Hounds eager to surprise MEC



MARYVILLE MUST replace seven starters off last year's team, including pitcher Caitlin Woods.

Spoofhound Softball Schedule

Sept. 6 — JV/V vs. Benton, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 11 — V vs. Chillicothe, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 13 — JV/V at Smithville, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 17 — JV/V at Jefferson, 5 p.m.
Sept. 18 — JV/V at Platte County, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 20 — JV/V at Benton, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 24 — JV/V vs. Lafayette, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 27 — JV/V vs. North Platte, 5 p.m.

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MISSOURI'S CORNELIUS BROWN, facing the camera, celebrates with William Moore after Moore picked off a pass late in the game to end an Illinois drive. Missouri defeated Illinois, 40-34, at Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis, Missouri, Saturday, Sept. 1.

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Returning letter winners: 12
Key loss: Victor Septulvedo-Muro
Player to watch: John Seipel
Coach Stuart Collins: "We've

focused a lot on keeping our shape, making sure everybody covers for each other... and we've worked on that quite a bit for these first three weeks, and they're doing a good job."

I was ready to declare that people must lower their expectations for this team, and the teams that follow, because they just couldn't hang with the Chillicothe and Platte Countys of the world anymore.

In short, I was ready to write them off.

I was wrong, and they proved



it.

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Editor predicts prosperous 2007 for fall sports

Kalin Miles
MHS golfer

MHS golf

Returning letter winners: 4
Key player lost: Sara Hayes
Players to watch: Kalin Miles, Kim Hanna

Coach Brenda Ricks: "It will take about a 100 average [per player] to win at districts. So if Kalin can shoot in the 80s, and everyone else can average around 100, we have a good shot."

Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

The time has come for Northwest fans to push their chips to the middle of the table and make their predictions. Each team has at least played one game, but who knows anything about a team until mid-season. Allow me to begin.

Football

2006 Result: 14-1

(Lost in national championship)

Defense carried Northwest to an MIAA championship and a second consecutive national championship appearance. This year, expect the offense to carry the load with eight returning starters and five defensive starters.

The offense goes through senior running back Xavier Omon. If quarterback Josh Mathews can play the same mistake-free ball he had pre-national championship, expect big things from Northwest.

Potentially standing in the way of Northwest's bid for its third championship could be

Grand Valley State, the team that has sent the Bearcats packing each of the last two years. With the regions switching this year, the two teams can only meet in the semifinals. Northwest gets Grand Valley State in Allendale, Mich., to advance to its third straight title game.

Prediction: 8-11

Volleyball
2006 Result: 14-19 (Lost in first round of MIAA tournament)

Anna Tool's first season as head coach was a memorable one. Northwest qualified for its first conference tournament in school history (started in 2003). Two years ago, the highly touted big three of Rachel Spensley, Molly Hankins and Katie Stillwell, along with Sarah Trowbridge were supposed to make the Bearcats an elite program.

Hankins and Trowbridge graduated as one of the top assists and kills leaders in school history. Spensley and Stillwell are no longer on the team for unknown reasons. Freshman Priscilla Bremer, who was to replace Trowbridge after graduation, opted not to come back. Tool's starting out fresh. The future is bright. Northwest returns to the conference tournament, but doesn't advance.

Prediction: 13-20

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